

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

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Filing Date: Sept. 23, 2003 Examiner: Samir Termanini  
Applicant: Simon Derek HUNT  
Title: TREE & TABLE GUI  
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Sir:

I, Simon Derek HUNT declare:

1. I am the sole inventor of the originally filed claims of the above-identified patent application.

2. The above-identified patent application is assigned to the Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P. ("HPDC"), as evidenced by the Assignment recorded at Reel 014077, Frame 0840. It is noted that HPDC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hewlett-Packard Company ("HPCO"), thus making HPCO the real party in interest.

3. Prior to May 30, 2003, I conceived an improved methods, machine-readable media (including instructions execution of which by a host implements such methods) and apparatuses (for managing components of a system at least in part by implementing such methods), as disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application.

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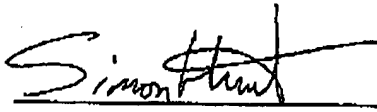
4. Prior to May 30, 2003, I had disclosed my invention to others within HP, and had prepared and submitted written descriptions of the invention to HP's legal department for preparation of a patent application.

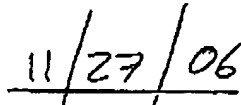
5. Prior to May 30, 2003, my submitted written description was forwarded to outside counsel (Thomas S. Auchterlonie of Harness, Dickey & Pierce, PLC) for preparing a patent application; a copy of the cover letter accompanying this written description, with dates redacted, is attached as Exhibit A.

6. Each of the above-listed acts occurred in the United States.

7. On September 23, 2003, the above-identified patent application (which disclosed and claimed the conceived invention mentioned above) was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

  
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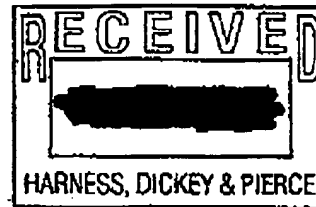


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Dear Thomas:

We would like you to provide a quote of the cost for your firm to prepare a US Patent application based on the HP Invention Disclosure Identified above, a copy of which is enclosed.

Your quote should be based on preparing an application including the items noted on the enclosed Outside Counsel Checklist and according to HP's Outside Counsel Procedures referenced above, for filing by our Required Date.

Your quote should be submitted on the enclosed Request for Quote and Engagement Letter Agreement. If your quote is accepted, we will return a fully executed copy of the Agreement to you for your records. **The Agreement will not be binding on you or on HP until signed by HP's authorized representative.**

**If the Agreement is not signed and returned to HP, any bills submitted by you cannot be paid.**

Thank you for your assistance in reviewing this invention disclosure. If your review indicates a possible conflict for your firm, you should advise us within one week of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

*Grant Ritz/taa*

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Enc.: HP Invention Disclosure  
RFQ  
Filing Procedures Checklist  
Supplemental Procedures for New Cases

Exhibit A  
(Serial No. 10/667.473)